

Notice of Exemption

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Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

County Clerk

County of: Solano
675 Texas Street, Suite 1900
Fairfield, CA 94633

From: (Public Agency): Department of Water Resources
Division of Environmental Services
3500 Industrial Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691

(Address)

Project Title: Chipps Island Property Acquisition (Western Parcel)

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

Please see map attached as Exhibit A

Project Location - City: Sac/San Joaquin Delta Project Location - County: Solano County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Please see Project Description attached as Exhibit B

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: California Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: CEQA Class 4, 13, 25, Guidelines
- ☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Sections 15304, 15313, 15325

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project is exempt because it consists of a land transfer that will preserve existing natural conditions until a restoration project is identified (section 15313, 15325), and will result in minor alteration to land due to possible maintenance activities (section 15304).

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Ling Chu Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 916-376-9826

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature: *David N. Roberts* Date: 11/8/19 Title: Env Program Manager I

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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Exhibit A: Project Map for Chipps Island Acquisition (Western Parcel)

POR. T.2N., T.3N., R.1E., & R.1W., M.D.B & M.

Tax Area Code
60053

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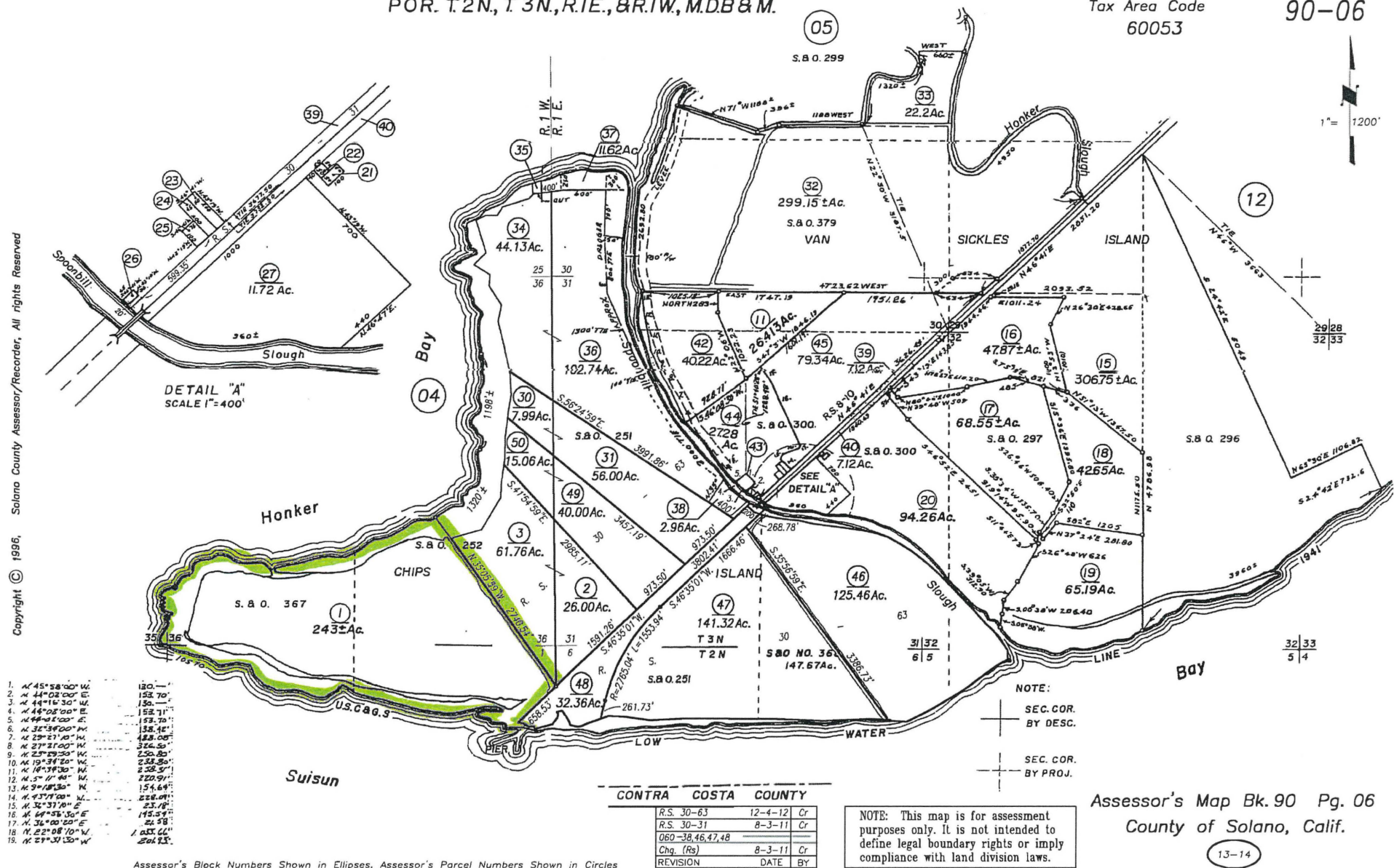


Exhibit B: Project Description for Chipps Island Acquisition (Western Parcel)

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) will obtain from Metropolitan Water District approximately 243-acres of property on Chipps Island, in Solano County. The purpose of said acquisition is habitat restoration. DWR will obtain the land and maintain it under existing conditions until it develops a habitat restoration plan and CEQA analysis for that plan. Restoration would focus on providing additional habitat and food web productivity to support native fish species of concern under the Fish Restoration Program